Objections to Amendments of the House District Committee.

HEARING AT CAPITOL

EXEMPTION OF STOCK OF INCOR-

PORATED COMPANIES.

Argument by George E. Hamilton, Representing Business Interests-Assessor Darneille's Views.

The House committee on the District of Columbia granted a public hearing this morning on House bill 8006, proposing various amendments to the personal tax laws of the District. The discussion was confined almost wholly to the proposition of the committee to strike out of the existing law the proviso which exempts mercantile and newspaper companies from taxation on their capital stock when incorporated. The Commissioners have sought to enlarge this proviso by adding the words "and business companies which, by reason of incorporation, receive no special benefit." The committee recently reported the bill, with the recommendation that all exemptions be omitted, placing upon all corporations, whether public or private, the tax of 11/2 per cent on the capital stock, the value of the latter to be fixed by the personal tax appraisers. Upon the request of Representative Cowherd the bill was recommitted to the committee for purposes of re-vision, and is again under discussion. Present at the hearing this morning were Commissioner Henry L. West and Assessor Hopewell H. Darnellie, representing the District of Columbia; Mr. George E. Ham-

Mr. Hamilton's Argument.

Company and other interests.

fiton, representing various business incor-porations; Mr. A. Hoehling, representing

certain contractors, and Mr. E. J. Stell-wagen of the Union Trust and Storage

Mr. Hamilton made the most extensive argument, going into all the features of the local system of taxation as applied to corporations and other business concerns. He declared that it was but just and proper that corporations, which by reason of incorporating of by their character receive special benefits, franchises or privileges, should pay taxes upon their capital stock, this tax being paid in the nature of a privilege or franchise tax.

"But," said Mr. Hamilton, "the average business firm which incorporates receives absolutely nothing from the government but a name. Its earning capacity is not increased in any way, and John Smith & Co., incorporated, have absolutely no more rights, privileges or benefits them.

rights, privileges or benefits than plain 'John Smith & Co.'"
"Then why do these companies incorporate?" asked Porton was a companies incorporate?" rate?" asked Representative Davis of Minnesota, a member of the committee.
"They do it simply as a matter of business direction," replied Mr. Hamilton.
"They incorporate as a matter of convenience in the direction of the firm's affairs

and for the better protection of the mem-bers of the firm, or their heirs in case of death. There have been cases where a business partnership has been dissolved by death and the surviving partner has taken advantage of the situation. By incorporat-ing and issuing stock absolute protection is afforded to those whose money has been invested in the business.

'I do not deny that there are private inunderstand it, does not propose a tax on a matter of simple business convenience. By incorporating, the continuance of the good will is assured, but the government is not taxing good will as I understand it.

The Newspaper Companies.

Referring to newspaper companies, Mr. Hamilton stated to the committee that two of the local daily publications are incorporated and one not incorporated. Under the law as reported by the committee the two incorporated companies would have to pay a tax on their real estate, on their machinery and other personal property, and also on their capital stock. The third paper, enjoying the same privileges as the other two would have to pay only on real estate and machinery. He declared such a system to be manifestly unjust. Mr. Hamilton said there was no special reason for the newspapers incorperating, for an individual properties, their earning powers would be just as great.

Mr. Hamilton also cited the case of two jewelry companies doing business side by side almost on Pennsylvania avenue. is an incorporated company, while the other is a private firm. Both pay the same license tax, both the same rate on their stock in trade, while the incorporated firm would have to pay in addition a tax on its

Representative Cowherd said it was not the intention of the committee in amend-ing the bill to propose a double tax. The committee thought that in imposing a tag on the capital stock it relieved such in orporated concerns from the tax on their tangible personal property.

The Assessor's Opinion.

Mr. Darneille, the assessor, was asked his opinion as to the effect of the amendment in this respect. He replied that if the bill passed as first reported by the committee, the matter would be left in such a tangled condition he would have to go entirely over the law to ascertain just what the conditions would be. Mr. Hamilton argued that the conditions

pictured by his citation of the two jewelry firms would continue unless the committee

adopted the suggestion of the Commis-sioners and included "other business companies" in the exempting paragraph.
Representative Powers of Massachuset's explained to the committee the operation of the corporation law in his state. There are two classes of corporations-private business or commercial corporations, which are taxed the same as partnerships or private firms, and quasi-public corporations, which are required to pay a special or franchise tax. The private corporations are taxed on their capital stock, but the value of this stock is fixed absolutely the value of the company's assets, which are otherwise exempt from other taxes. This tax, therefore, amounts to nothing than a tax on the stock in such as is now imposed on all business concerns in the District of Columbia. Mr. Hamilton said such a system might be made applicable here, but that the num-

ber of actual commercial corporations is small compared to the number of companies, such as real estate companies that are incorporated without any stock in trade The only effect of the law as proposed by the committee, he contended, would be to incorporated greatly inconvenience the companies by driving them back into the companies by driving them back into the old way of doing business as private purtnerships. He declared there was no way to find out the actual value of the stock of an incorporated real estate company.

"Then," replied Mr. Hamilton, "you return to the old inquisitorial system with all its dangers. The honest man will pay his taxes and the dishonest man will swear system of fixing values by a board of competent assessors, you put a premium upon perjury.

them swear to the value."

hat's the law in my state, anyway." rejoined Mr. Davis. He added he thought it a shame that the holders of stocks. bonds and notes are not taxed under the District system and declared newspapers should be taxed on their subscription lists.

Assessor Darneille Heard.

Mr. Darneille next addressed the committee. He explained that two years ago, at the request of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, and under direction of the Commissioners, he had drawn to the best of his ability the present personal

dations and changed the law along lines that would work hardship on many per-sors. He hoped the committee, in recon-sidering the matter, would see fit to adopt the amendments of the Commissioners. Mr. Darnellle was subjected to a running fire of questions on matters of taxation here and in various states. Representative Sims of Tennessee, after pointing out that in his state there was frequent double tax-ation, but the people did not seem to mind, declared the taxpayers of the District of Columbia are the most favored class of people in the world.

"Why shouldn't we be?" interposed Mr.

Darneille.
"Why should you be?" rejoined Mr. Sims and Representative Campbell of Kansas.

Obligations of the District.

Mr. Darneille replied vigorously, calling attention to the fact that the District is compelled to protect and educate a large class of people who pay no taxes. The District educates the children of congressmen, of government officials. It protects foreign ambassadors and embassles and educates foreign children. Mr. Darneille said the District had encountered its greatest difficulty in dealing with the personal property of senators and representatives. He referred to the difficulties in the way of enforcing the present personal tax law in forcing the present personal tax law in such a cosmopolitan city as Washington, where at assessment time, the rich people take wings and fly away. "They come from your states, gentle-men." said Mr. Darneille to the committee, "and what can we do about it?"

Going Over Old Ground. Chairman Babcock of the committee reminded the members that they were simply going over the same ground that had been threshed time and time again in committee and on the floor of the House in years past. He said that after long deliberation the present law was framed as the most satisfactory solution of the matter. To talk of changing the law to tax stocks bonds, &c., was futile, he declared, for radical changes will not be agreed to at the other end of the Capitol.

Mr. Babcock asked Commissioner West

if the Commissioners would rather have the law relating to taxation remain as it is as reported by the committee.

Mr. West replied that it would be manifestly better to leave the law alone than to change it according to the committee bill.

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There was, however, a sense of fairness business companies be exempted.

The bill will be taken up again next and justice in the recommendation that all Thursday by the committee.

TO SEEK ELECTION CONTROL.

Democratic Caucus at Annapolis Tonight to Discuss Legislation.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. STATE HOUSE, Anhapolis, Md., Febrvary 25.-The democrats will hold a caucus tonight at 8 o'clock to consider political legislation such as amendments to the election law. It is said that bills will be introduced as a result of the caucus to]

change very materially the political law. Among the changes proposed will be one to go back to the old system of registration, to have only one register of voters 10 each precinct, to have two democratic judges of election and only one republican, instead of two of each party as at present and otherwise to change the law so as to place the party in power in absolute control of the election machinery. These bills are reported to have been prepared at a conference held with Sen-

ator Gorman, and will be presented at his request or order.

In addition to the above measures a bill will be presented to restrict the suffrage among the colored voters as far as it is

Gompers Urges Amalgamation.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, February 25 .-At a conference yesterday between Samuel Gompers, president of the American Feddividual advantages in incorporating, but it is nothing in which the general public is interested, and the government, as I the operatived labor of the island, Mr. Gomthe organized labor of the island, Mr. Gompers urged their amalgamation under the tion to this effect was adopted by the delegates, and will be voted upon by the unions March 12.

John C. Parker's Will.

The will of John C. Parker, dated September 4, 1902, was filed for probate today. The business conducted by him at the time of his death is directed to be sold within sixty days, and the proceeds invested as a part of the estate. The entire estate is devised to the widow, Mary Ellen Parker, for life, and at her death is to be divided between testator's two children, May Adele Parker is named as executrix.

Our Coffee Bill.

From the New York Sun. It is estimated that the people of the United States drink 1.500,000,000 gallons of coffee in the course of a year, at a cost of about 10 cents per gallon. The importing cost of the requisite quantity of coffee berries for this supply, at 7 cents a pound, is about \$75,000,000. From this it appears that preparation, package, distribution and dealers' profits make the price to the consumer about double the importing cost. Coffee prices for the coming year are likely to be nearly if not quite double those of the last year or two, as a result of legitimate commercial conditions, and may even exceed that as a result of speculation. The high prices which prevailed ten years ago led to a very great extension of the Brazil-ian industry, our principal source of supply for the cheaper grades. An enormous output reduced prices to a point of little or no profit in production, and a reaction followed, with the result that groves were injured and permanently destroyed through neglect to care for them. The crop of the present year is not likely to be half that of two years ago. This will probably send the retail price of coffee up to 20 cents, or even 30 cents, a pound for fair and medium grades, though the choicer or even 30 cents, a pound for fair grades should not show a proportionate in-

The Muffin Vender.

From the London Chron'cle. The muffin bell ringing down the foggy winter street-for the muffin, the crumpet. the fog and drizzle come together-was so transitory a sound, and came so pat at tea time, when you wish neither to work nor to sleep, as a rule, that it was, perhaps, the most endurable nuisance in the world. Edward Fitzgerald liked the dullest of little country towns better than the country, and when he praised their minor pleasures he named the cry of the man with the hot rolls, even though the knocking of a carpenter-1 recurring noise-was as grievous to him as to Carlyle. our correspondent is wrong when he says that the mussin man went by quickly be cause his wares were hot. They were toasted in domesticity. They left his hands chilly moist—and very pailed. "Ain't he as pale as a muffin?" said Mrs. Gamp's neigh-

Quail Abundant in Oklahoma.

From the Kansas City Journal. With favorable weather conditions during 'Yes there is,' asserted Representative avis. "Summon the officers and make the nesting season next spring, there should be more quail in Oklahoma in the fall of 1904 then at any time since the country was opened. The game law enacted by the last legislature was so prohibi-When you get away from the live that during the past open season for quail, which closed February 1, the killing of birds was reduced to a min'mum. Not only was it against the law for any person to ship quail to points outside of Oklahoma. but an Oklahom sportsman could not shir quail on commo to another in Oklahoma. Railroad and express companies dared not accept prohibi-tive game for shipment. The Oklahoman who ate quail this year either killed the n bimself or caused some person to violate the law in buying them.

The game law has been sthictly enforced this season, and many heavy fines, some times as high as \$300, were imposed upon violators. There has been an aboundance of quait, and in several western counties, especially Day, prairie chickens were plen-tiful.

Neckwear Sold up 5C. to 25c., Friday at 5C.

A Friday round-up of all the small lots and oddments of women's Neckwear, that includes Stocks, Jabots, Sailor Collars and Ties of peau de soie, peau de cygne, taffeta and moire silks, in white and leading colors.

Former prices up to 25c. Friday. 5c.

May Manton Patterns. Spring Styles Ready. Price, 10c. EACH



Frames Of All Kinds Made to Order Prices That Please

Jewelry Worth up 5C. to 25c., Friday at 5C.

We're house cleaning in the Jewelry Department—and offer all the accumulations at this little price tomorrow. The lot includes Crystal Stick Pins, Belt Pins, Brooch Pins, Cuff Buttons, Silveroin Hat Pins and other novelties. Former prices up to 25c. To-5c. morrow, choice at

Remnants at Pittance of Prices.

10c. Stationery.

5c.

Box Stationery, consisting of 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes. including Elite, Lithgow Linen, Papier de Empire, Osborne, 5c. etc.; reduced from 10c. to.... 5c.

481 boxes of "Holly" Stationery, containing 24 sheets of superior quality paper and envelopes to match. Sold at 25c. Friday 11c. at.....

Late winter and early spring are shaking hands here. The last vestige of cold weather merchandise is being closed out regardless of cost, and the many remnants of spring goods made by the early brisk demand are yours at fractional prices. The most inviting opportunities of any Friday this season are at hand.

25c. Golf Gloves, 121/2c. Women's All-wool Golf Gloves, in plain colors. Slightly damaged from being in the window. Regular price, 25c. pair. 121/2C.

Dress Goods Remnants.

Remnants of Double-width Figured Jacquards, Figured Nun's Veiling, Bright-colored Plaids and Figured Nov-elties. Good serviceable materials, that sold up to 19c. yard. Friday, per yard,

8½c.

Remnants of All-wool Scotch Mixtures, 38-inch Wool Cashmere, Fig-ured Wool Challie, Plain Mohair, All-wool Gran-ite, French Serge, Allwool Albatross, Ali-wool Batiste, etc. Values up to 50c. yard, at

Remnants of All-wool Remnants of All-wool
46-inch Henrietta, 54inch All-wool Fancy
Suitings, 45-inch Allwool Mistral, 46-inch
Sicilian, 42-inch Allwool Crepe, 54-inch
Heavyweight Melton
Cloth. Values up to 89c.
yard, for

27c.

55c.

Boys' Clothing Department.

Boys' Odd Coats, Reefers, Overcoats and Cossacks, broken sizes and one or two of a kind; mostly for small 98c. Boys' Corduroy Knee Pants, mostly large sizes; 50c. and 75c. value. 35c. Boys' Fedora and Derby Hats 25c. Caps, small sizes..... Boys' Plain Blue and Fancy 50c. Knee Pants, in cheviot, worsted and cassimere, nearly all sizes (slightly 29c. damaged).....

Broken sizes of Boys' Navy Blue Flannel Blouses; 50c. sort, 25c.

Robes, broken sizes; were 50c. 29c. Small lot of Boys' Fancy Silk and Satin Neckwear Windsor Ties, hows and band teck styles. Friday...... 9C.

Boys' Fancy Flannelette Night

Boys' Russian Blouse Suits, sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7 years: navy blue, brown and royal blue: wide wale worsteds and serges; sold for \$5.00; to close \$2.50 out Friday, for.....

Just six Boys' Norfolk Suits; 98c.

Men's Furnishings-Odds & Ends.

Men's 25c. All-silk Four-in-hand Ties, Balance of a lot of Men's 50c. Muslin and Cambric Night Robes, some collarless, neatly trimmed, broken 29c. A lot of Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 Madras Neglige Shirts, some with cuffs attached, neat patterns, broken sizes. 50c.

4 dozen Men's 50c. White Unlaundered 4 dozen Men's White Unlaundered Dress Shirts, the well-known "Fit-well" make, mostly large sizes; worth 25c. Men's \$1.00 White Merino Underwear,

Odd Lots of Corsets, Muslin Underwear and Children's Garments.

Lot of Corsets of Coutil and Batiste. white, drab and black; medium and long; the Thompson's, R. G., C. B., American Lady and Royal Worcester among them; broken sizes and samples; sold for \$1.00 to 44C \$2.00. Friday..... 3 dozen Flannelette Gowns and Skirts

and a little soiled; also broken sizes; sold up to \$1.49; to 30C. Small lot of Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats with ruffles and scollopes, yoke band. Reduced 18C.

in plain and stripes; these are damaged

12 Golf Vests in white and black mixtures and also green; broken sizes; all we have left to 39c.

close out, at 1 lot of Muslin Garments consisting of French Corset Covers, Short Skirts, umbrella drawers, chemises and ladies' aprons, embroidered and lace trimmed, soiled. Sold at 18C. 39c. Reduced to.....

One small lot of Batiste Kimonas, in light and dark shades; broken sizes. Reduced 22C.

Long Chemise, Drawers and French Corset Covers, all trimmed with best embroidery and lace, muslin, cam-bric and nainsook; are a little soiled and mussed. Sold 69C. up to \$1.98. For..... Four Children's Corduroy Coats, cas-

tor and green; also one velvet one; capes are trimmed with lace, medallions and buttons; 2 to \$2.39 6 years, Were \$6.98. Remnant price..... One small lot of Children's White Aprons, with bibs and bretelles, trim-

med with embroidery and lace; 4 to 14; also Gamps; broken sizes in White and Gingham Dresses, Flannel-ette Skirts, with and without waists. Sold up to 39c. Reduced to..... Small lot of Infants' Flannelette

Sacques, Boots, Bibs, Mitts, Caps; also Ladies' Boleros. Reduced to..... Four Fine Zibeline Dresses, fancy

mixtures, all wool, handsomely trimmed; 6, 8 and 10 years. \$3.98 Were \$8.98. Reduced \$3.98

Wash Goods. Remnants of

Remnants of 34-in. Colored Madras Plain-color Zephyrs, in Plain-color Zephyrs, in all colors; Figured Pique and Cotton Volle. Regular price, 12½c......

Fast-color Dress Ginghams, in desirable colorings and lengths. 634C. orings

Remnants White Goods.

121/c. 32-inch English Mad-734C. good lengths Sheer Grade India Linon, of the lengths from 2 to 8 yards; 15 and 18c. value...... Remnants Hosiery.

Men's Black and Tan Hose, Men's Black and seamless foot, all sizes. Friday 10c. Men's regular 50c. Hose, black lace and plain, with colored embroid- 25c.

Sheer Grade Batiste Lawn, 81/2C. 2,000 yards India Linon, de-sirable lengths; 10c. value. 634.C.

Veiling Remnants. Remnants of Veilings, in various new ing Chiffon, plain and Magple meshes, etc., in suitable lengths for full size vells. Sold at 25c. a yard. Remnant price

Remnants Embroideries

Remnants of Cambric Edgings and Beadings, in desirable patterns; regular prices, 334C.

Remnants of fine quality Swiss, Cambric and Namsook Embroideries and Insertings, including wide widths. Qualities 034C. sold as high as 20c. yd., for Remnants of Cambric and Swiss Embroideries, Insertings to match, left from this week's acleft from this week's active selling; usual 12%c. 634c.

Remnants of All-over Embroidery, short lengths; values worth up to PSc. yd. 39C.

any of the senses known to us. It seems

Silk Remnants 1/3 to 1/2 Usual Prices.

The accumulation of Silk Remnants is quite large, and we move it out tomorrow with the leverage of exceedingly low prices. The range of styles and prices is so varied as to make it difficult to quote regular and reduced prices
—but we have clipped the original figures a half to one-third.
Tomorrow's offerings include remnants of 36-inch Black Peau de Sole, 36-inch Black Taffetas, 27-inch Black Taffetas, Black Satin Duchesse, Black Gros Grain, Black Brocades, Black Crepe de Chine, Black Grenadines, Black Corded Silks, Colored Taffetas, Colored Peau de Soie, Colored Peau de Cygne, Fancy Taffetas, Plain Pongee, Polka Dot Pongee, Check Taffeta, Japanese Habutai, Corded Wash Silks, Figured Foulards, Figured Satin Liberty Fou-lards, etc.

Braids, Dress Trimmings and Notions.

Black and white Silk Applique Dress Trimmings, sold up to 25c. yard, 9C. 15 different patterns, yard...... Persian Braids, in assorted colors, sold at 10c. yard. Friday.... 5c. Black Silk Frogs, sold at 15c. 8c. each, temorrow Gilt Buttons, per dozen, Friday 4C.

Unstamped Dress Shields, worth 3c. 10c. pair, at..... Featherstitched Braid, odds and ends, worth 5c. piece...... 1 1/2 c. Pearl Buttons, pure white, worth 2c.

5c. dozen.... Silk Frilled Side Garters, odds and ends, worth 50c. pair...... 19c. Black Collar Forms, worth 5c. 2c. each, at..... Silk Frilled Garter Web, worth 12c. length, at....... 5c.

Ribbon Remnants. Remnants of All-silk Ribbons, in various widths and almost all shades. Sold off the piece at 5c. and 8c. a 21/2c. yard-for..... Remnants of best quality All-silk Taffeta Ribbons, in good widths and all colors; sold off the piece up to 534c. Remnants of best quality All-silk Satin Taffeta and Plain Taffeta Ribbons, in all wanted shades; good lengths and widths; sold off the piece up 12 1/2 c.

Linen Remnants.

Remnant lot of large size Honeyc Towels, full bleached, fringed at the ends. Sold regularly at 10c. each. REMNANT PRICE, 534c. 50 dozen German Damask Napkins, 16 in. square, full bleached, in neat dice patterns, fast selvage edges on two sides. Sell regularly for 7bc. dozen. REMNANT PRICE, 31/2c.

Several hundred remnants of Table Damask, from 114 to 3 and 314-yard lengths. All qualities in the lot, goods that sold from the piece from 29c. to \$2.00 a yard. All marked exceptionally low for Friday remnant sale. Also half-dozens of % and % size Dinner Napkins at deep reductions.

Remnants Linings. Remnants of Genuine Spun Glass, Mercerized Sateen, fine Percaline and Velour, in desirable lengths and a good range of colors, Sold 734c. from 124c. to 25c. yard, for.... 734c. Remnants of High Grade Linings, cluding Mercerized Sateen, Lustral Cloth, Bengaline, Moreen and Anderson's Percalines; black and colors; 25 to 39c values at... 12 /2C.

Sale of Huyler's and Headiey's Package Candies at Cut Prices.

Huyler's 10c. Chocolates, pkg...... 8c. Huyler's 20c. Chocolates, pkg......15c. Huyler's 10c. Milk Chocolates, pkg.. 8c. Huyler's 20c. Milk Chocolates, pkg. 15c. Huyler's 15c. Chocolate Sticks. . . . 12c. Huyler's 25c. Chocolate Croquettes. 19c. Huyler's 25c. Assorted Cream Wafers 19c. Huyler's 10c. Old-fashioned Molasses Candy. 8c. Headley's 10c. Package Chocolates. 8c. Headley's 25c. Package Chocolates. 19c. Headley's 30c. Package Chocolates. 23c.

Art Department. Stamped Pillow Shams,

sold at 25c. Tomorrow, per Mexican Drawnwork Table Covers; sold at 15c. Reduced to...... 8c. Pillow Tops, in conventional designs, sold at 25c. Reduced to. . 1 1c. Battenberg Collar Patterns. Re- 2c. Helios for embroidery work, in as-Helios for embroncery sorted colors. Reduced from 3c. 1C. 20-inch Sofa Pillows, filled with pure floss. Were 50c. To-morrow 29c.

Handkerchiefs. Odds and ends of Men's and Women's Handkerchiefs, various sorts, including hand-drawn border, plain white hem-

15c. Leather Goods Department, offering choice of regular 25c. Leather Wrist Bags, some with leather

25c Leather Goods,

handles; also odds and ends of 25c. Silk Belts. 15c. Odd lot of Patent Leather Belts, sold at 15c.; reduced 7c.

3 handsome Black Net Dress Skirts.

elaborately trimmed with braiding and applique, over taffeta silk drop. Were \$10.00

2 Blk, Peau de Soie Silk and Blouse

Coats and one Box Coat, handsomely trim med; worth \$10.00 and \$12.00; \$4.98

2 XXXX Quality Near Seal Coats,

2 Mink Pelerines, with rich dark

stripes and finished with 6 full fox tails; former price \$20.00..... \$10.98

1 XXXX Near Seal Long Blouse Coat,

size 34; reveres and collar of same; finished with handsome girdle; was \$50.00; \$26.50

17 Ladies' Spring-weight Jackets, in

brown and gray, mostly \$1.98 taffeta silk; worth \$5.00....

22 Young Men's 3-piece Long Pants

Suits; sizes 14 to 19 years. Left from lines that sold at \$6.00 to \$3.98

Lot of Men's Hats, including Black

9 Men's Cravenette Rain Coats; each

garment bears the genuine stamp; broken sizes. Regular price, \$6.50

ed colors. 25c. and 53c. 121/2C.

Boys' red and brown Cordurov Leg-

Shoes, remnants of regular 75c. and \$1 qualities; also Boys' Vici Kid Shoes,

qualities; also Boys vict sizes 3 to 5½, which were \$1.25. 43c.

Men's and Boys' \$1.25 and \$1.50 Satin

Children's and Misses' Kid Shoes,

Real Irish Point Lace Curtains, the

ones and twos of a kind left from recent selling; sold at \$4.00 to \$2.98

Lot of Opaque Window Shades: sub-

ject to slight imperfections; 121/2c.

Lot of about 120 pairs of Lace Cur-

Men's and Boys (1.2) Calf Lace Shoes, in neat shapes; 98c.

button and lace styles: sizes 5 to 11; the misses' in sizes from 11½ to 2, and the

values for.....

Choice Friday ...

Derbies and Soft Alpines. Worth 98c.

size 34 and 40; trimmed revers, collar and cuffs with finest quality Eastern Mink. Reduced from \$55.00 to \$33.00

\$18.00.....

Extraordinary Reductions in Women's Jackets, Coats, Silk Waists, &c.

23 separate cloth Eton Jackets, for spring wear; blue, brown and black; sizes from 32 to \$1.98 3 Long Black Peau de Soie Silk Coats, handsomely trimmed with braid and tailored silk folds; lined and interlined; sizes 34, \$10.00 36, 40; value, \$20..... 2 White All-over Lace Evening Waists, made over silk; sizes 34 and 38. Were \$5.08

14 Ladies' Cloth Dress and Walking Skirts of Black, Brown and Gray; left from sample \$2.98 lines; worth \$5 to \$8..... 2 fine quality Electric Seal Coats, 24 inches long; sizes 36 and 40; lined with guaranteed satin; were \$30.00... \$19.75 4 Ladies' Guaranteed Rain-proof Cra-

venette Coats of Plain Ox-ford and gray mixed tweed. \$7.98 3 Ladies' Black Taffeta and 1 Black Silk Net Dress Skirts, made kilted effect over drop petticat. Were \$12.98.

Remnants—Men's Clothing. 173 Men's and Youths' Trousers, of black and blue cheviot and other desirable materials. Values up to 79c. 39 Men's Suits, of neat-patterned fancy mixed cheviots; left from regular lines sold at \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$5.75 91 pairs of Men's Trousers, in desir-

Remnants—Footwear. Odd lot of Women's Kid and Calf Shoes, lace and button styles, extension

A miscellaneous lot of Infants' Soft Sole Shoes and Moccasins, assortand close-trimmed soles; sizes 98C.

able styles; sizes up to 40-inch waist measure. Slightly imperfect. \$1.29

pers, of kid. patent leather and patent kid. Remnants of \$2.00 lines \$1.29 56 pairs of Women's Regular \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 Lace and Button Shoes, welt and light flexible soles;

Lot of Women's 1, 2 and 3-strap Sip-

t and light flexible soles, s 2 to 5½ only. Remnants. \$1.33 Reduced to.....

43 pairs of Women's Patent Leather Welt-sole Oxfords, mannish lasts; remnants of regular \$2.00 lines \$1.10

boys' in sizes from 10 to 13½. 69c. Mattings, Floor Coverings, Upholstery Goods, etc. Odd pairs of Tapestry Portieres, which sold at \$5.00 to \$8.00 a pair; \$3.98 reduced to...

Lot of 10 odd rolls of Japanese Mattings, in carpet patterns; close weaves. Regular value, \$5.00 roll of 40 \$5.98 yards. Friday at....... Remnant lot of 4-4 and 6-4 Floor Oilcloth, in desirable lengths for almost any use; worth 30c. and 35c. 19c.

Odd lot of regular 50c. and 75c. Head Rests. slightly soiled; reduced 19C. Remnants of Cretonnes. Denims, Swiss and many other drapery materials;

tains; some of which are soiled, others are damaged, which sold up to \$200 worth 12½c. to 19c. a yard. 61/2C. a pair; to be closed out Friday, 69c. Remnants—Waists and Wrappers.

Heavy White Vesting Waists; fleece lined; sizes 22 and 42 only; 59c. 15 Black and White, Brown and White and Blue and White Check Taffeta

2 Rose-colored Silk Finish Cashmere Tea Gowns, trimmed with butter color, lace insertions; sizes 36 \$2.39 and 40. Were \$4.00..... and 40. Were \$4.00.....

Dark Percale Wrappers, most all sizes; regular 98c. kind....... 48c.

Remnants--Housewares.

11 extra quality Tin Bettom 32c. 1 lot 2-quart Tin Buckets, with 6C. 1 lot Coat Racks, oak frame; 5C. regular price, 10c.; each..... 350 Decorated China Oatmeal 5C. Nickel Plated Cuspidors; 19c. 10c. 250 Framed Pictures, oval oak 10c. frames. Regular Price, 25c....

7 Gas Radiators, some with jewels; worth up to \$3.98. \$2.00 3 Oil Heaters; \$5 is the regular price...... 69c. Covered Ash Sieves; only 40c. 14 in this lot; each. 1 lot of Enamels and Stains, the labels of which are slightly soiled. 5c. holce..... 1 lot Star Oleine Washing 21/2C.

678c. Mill Remnants of Percale and Madras, per yard, at - - - -

Mill ends of yard-wide Percale and Madras, light colorings, in stripes, figures and polka dots-that sensible women will snap up for waists and dresses. Lengths from 2 to 10 yards each.

Tomorrow at 678c. a yard. Desirable lengths of Fancy Ticking, in blue, red and brown 12½c. Remnants of Dark Prints, in blue and garnet effects. Good 378c.

coating of ice and the frozen earth beneath.

Remnants of unbleached Canton Flunnel, 2 to 10-yard 378C. Remnants of yard-wide Bleached Cotton, soft-finished quality. Yd.....

and seemed to extend down through the enough for the miners to work in at such a depth. It is usually about 108 degrees, and, to enable the men to work at all, a spray of

From Puck.

The Urbanite (visiting the suburbanite)-A mile and a half to the station! Great Caesar! How can you make a train after a

No Trouble at All

THE SATURDAY STAR.

WATER ATTRACTS REPTILES. Naturalist Werner Reports Results of Observations.

and 15c. values, at

From the Revue Scientifique. Some surprising and noteworthy conclusions on this point have been reached by a German naturalist, Werner of Vienna, who has recently reported the result of observations that he has been making for some time on the senses of inferior verte-

On certain points the conclusions of M. Werner are very surprising, and in all they are worthy of notice. Werner has observed 13C individuals, of which one-third were at

really that a sense of which we have no knowledge informs them of the direction in There seems to be a sort of chemical attraction, says M. Werner. But how does this act, and on what part of the creature? This remains a mys.ery. Reptiles also seek the light, but independently of heat; they are positively heliotropic, and in winter they often leave a comfortable and warm retreat to seek the sunlight. Sight is generally good with them. It is probably the finest sense they possess but it ably the finest sense they possess, but it would still appear to be very limited. The caymans and the crocodiles cannot distintimes their length, according to Werner. In the water fishes see only at very close range—about half their own length. This

know this from experience. Hearing is It is not unusual in countries whe e the much poorer than sight, if possible. Most reptiles are noticeably deaf, except caymans and crocodiles; the boa appears to be absolutely so. Ground Cracked by the Cold.

Frogs are better off; they see at fifteen or

rom the Providence Journal. Visions of seismic disturbances d'sturbed

the slumbers of people who reside in the neighborhood of Roger Williams Park on the Broad street side Tuesday night. When they arose Wednesday they saw a zigzag fissure in the earth half an inch wide and tax law. After seeing it operate for two years, Mr. Darneille said, he had voluntarity made certain suggestions to the Comm. Store to perfect and equalize the law. Thes suggestions had been forwarded to the committee in the shape of smendments.

In the obli as reported, however, the committee had largely ignored the recommental mittee had been to will be an unitary the perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions had been to will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions had been to will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions had been to will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions had been to will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, at liberty, and he took all possible precautions, with the distance of them can cite instances had been thought the law to anglers, at law to anglers, at law to anglers, at law to anglers, at law to a perhaps 100 feet long. At first that was

cept in very severe weather. The last carthquake shock experienced here, according to Frank E. Seagrave, who is a scientist, interested in such phenomena, was on August 10, 1884, and it is quite unlikely to August 10, 1894, and it is quite unlikely that the disturbance on Carr street Tuesday night was rue to an earthquake. From some of the suburban towns reports of sounds like explosions were received.

Australian Mine 3,900 Feet Deep. From the Leisure Hour,

What is believed to be the deenest gold

heavy snowstorm The Suburbanite (smilingly)—"Easily, my boy; the train is sure to be an hour late!"